

MARIN COUNTY CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY

SOUTHERN MARIN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION MINUTES JULY 21, 2003

Members Present: Paul Albritton, Raphael Durr, Alice Fredericks, Anne Jeffrey, Grace Livingston, David Parisi, Steve Price, Annette Rose, Bruce Sams, Dick Swanson, Steve Thompson, Christopher Wand, and Richard Rubin

Members Absent: Amy Belser

Staff Present: Dean Powell, Marin County Department of Public Works; and Kara Vuicich, Congestion Management Agency Consultant

Others: Anne Montgomery, Assistant City Manager, Mill Valley; Wayne Bush, Public Works Director, Mill Valley; Eric Anderson, Marin County Bicycle Coalition; Karen Nygren; Christina Dewey; Jocelyn Freid; Garry Lee; and Cheryl Ross

The meeting was convened at 4:35 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2003

M/s, Swanson/Jeffries, to approve the June 23, 2003 action minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL STREET AND ROADS ELEMENT AND REVIEW OF GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION OF THE CMA/BOS JOINT COMMITTEE

Staff presented information on the guidelines and general direction of the CMA/BOS Joint Committee for the Local Streets and Roads element of the draft Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan. On behalf of the Joint Committee, staff was seeking community input on: (1) the preliminary allocation of 25-35% of the sales tax revenues towards the Local Streets and Roads element; (2) the long and short lists of Roadways of Countywide Significance; and (3) any feedback on the other recommendations made by the Public Works Directors concerning Local Streets and Roads issues.

Committee discussion and public comment topics included: (1) the actual gap between funding needs and projected revenue for the Local Streets and Roads element; (2) what the total funding needs are if other costs such as labor are included; (3) the option of combining the Local Streets and Roads and Local Return elements; (4) how Local Streets and Roads projects improve mobility and whether voters will support the use of sales tax revenues for these projects; (5) whether an Expenditure Plan can guarantee a "maintenance of effort" for existing funds dedicated to transportation; (6) how the Public Works Directors arrived at their recommendation that 35% of the sales tax revenues be allocated to the Local Streets and Roads element; (7) other funding sources, including the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Proposition 42; (8) how the Joint Committee arrived at their 25-35% allocation range for the Local Streets and Roads element; (9) how the streets and roads in the list of Roadways of Countywide Significance were selected; and (9) what "consideration of bike and pedestrian improvements" means in implementing Local Streets and Roads projects. (Information on these topics can be found in the July staff report and the "Frequently Asked Questions #2" handout in the August staff report.)

Sense of the Committee – The committee arrived at a general consensus on the following:

- The committee will provide input on the preliminary allocation range for the Local Streets and Roads element after reviewing all four draft Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan elements.
- The long list of Roadways of Countywide Significance should be amended to exclude Tiburon Boulevard.
- No changes were suggested at this time to the short list of Roadways of Countywide Significance.
- The committee needs more information on the actual gap between funding needs and projected revenue for the Local Streets and Roads element before input on the preliminary allocation range is provided.

- The committee may also provide input on the proposed 50-50% revenue split of funds allocated to the Local Streets and Roads element between funds for roadways of countywide significance and formula-based funds for all other local streets and roads.

4. PRESENTATION ON THE SCHOOL ACCESS ELEMENT AND REVIEW OF GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION OF THE CMA/BOS JOINT COMMITTEE

Staff presented information on the guidelines and general direction of the CMA/BOS Joint Committee for the School Access element of the draft Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan. On behalf of the Joint Committee, staff was seeking community input on: (1) the preliminary allocation of 10-15% of the sales tax revenues towards the School Access element; (2) a sense of local priority on the various components of the School Access element; and (3) any feedback on folding the School Pool program into the Safe Routes to School program (SR2S).

Committee discussion and public comment topics included: (1) the need to use smaller shuttles for schools and how these shuttles could be used also for other community purposes, such as paratransit; (2) recommendations and findings concerning school transit and shuttles from the 2001 Mill Valley transportation plan (*Solving Traffic Problems in Mill Valley: A Community Responsibility*); (3) trip linking and the percentage of school trips during the morning peak hours; (4) the percentage of school trips throughout the entire day; (5) how expenditure plans guarantee that allocated funds will be used for the selected expenditures over the long term; (6) how the lack of crossing guards at busy intersections was cited as the most common reason why parents did not let their children walk or ride a bike to school; and (7) how schools or communities can provide matching funds to expand the Crossing Guard program. (Information on these topics can be found in the July staff report and the “Frequently Asked Questions #2” handout in the August staff report.)

Sense of the Committee – The committee arrived at a general consensus on the following:

- The committee will provide input on the preliminary allocation range for the School Access element after reviewing all four draft Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan elements.
- The committee generally supported the various components of the School Access element, including folding the School Pool program into the SR2S program as suggested by the Joint Committee.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE OR OTHER FORUM TO FACILITATE OUTREACH EFFORTS

The committee discussed the feasibility and possible need to conduct additional outreach efforts to engage the community. Committee discussion and public comment topics included: (1) the role and purpose of the committee; (2) ballot measure success as it relates to outreach efforts; (3) types of outreach methods used, such as forums, workshops, polls, phone trees, mailing, etc.; (4) what election was being targeted for the ballot measure; (5) timing, funding, staffing, and purpose of outreach efforts; and (6) who the target audience is.

Sense of the Committee – The committee arrived at a general consensus on the following:

- The committee values community outreach and involvement but cannot agree on how to do it within the timeframe allowed.
- Committee members will actively engage their constituencies about what they have learned and solicit input, feedback, and participation in process.
- The committee views the outreach process as an ongoing, integral component of any ballot measure and expects the Congestion Management Agency to develop a draft Expenditure Plan based on the recommendations of the Community Advisory Committees, which should be the subject of polls and extensive community outreach and, based on that feedback, the draft could be revised and fine-tuned before being placed on a future ballot.

6. FOLLOW-UP TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

8. CONFIRM/SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

The next committee meeting is on Monday, August 18th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Marin City Public Safety Building, 850 Drake Avenue, Marin City.

Chair Rose adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.